

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-15, and 17-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 6, 8-11, 13, and 20 are in independent form, and have been amended hereby. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 4, 5, and 16 were cancelled in the Amendment filed October 28, 2008.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,325,717 (“*Kawagoe*”) in view of “*Sonic Adventure Operation Guide*,” January 7, 1999, ASCII Corporation (“*Sonic Adventure*”) as evidenced by Japanese Office Action (Questioning) mailed May 30, 2006 (“*JPO Office Action*”).

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of *Kawagoe* and *Sonic Adventure* fails to teach or suggest that “when the operation instruction is changed to another operation instruction, after the switching of the viewing perspective, a direction of motion of the character is calculated based on the second fixed viewing perspective,” as described in paragraph [0088] of the published application, and as recited in amended independent Claim 1, and similarly in amended independent Claims 3, 6, 8-11, 13, and 20.

The Office Action in paragraph 6 concedes that *Kawagoe* fails to show or suggest the claimed direction maintenance step . . . and cites *Sonic Adventure* as curing this deficiency.

It is respectfully submitted that *Sonic Adventure* does not teach or suggest the aforementioned features of the presently claimed invention. In addition, from the disclosure of *Sonic Adventure*, a motion direction of any character is determined based not on a camera’s viewing perspective, but a character’s viewing perspective (i.e., a world coordinate). In contrast, in the presently claimed invention, a character on a scene is operated based on a camera viewing perspective.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 3, 6, 8-11, 13, and 20, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over *Kawagoe* in view of *Sonic Adventure*, as evidenced by *JPO Office Action*.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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